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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence gave the following speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today regarding President Obama's State of the Union Address tonight:

"Tonight the President of the United States will appear in this chamber as nearly every President has for more than 150 years and report on the State of the Union. We will receive him with the respect that is due his office.

"We are told in press reports that the President will focus on the future, on winning the future.

"But as the President said last Friday, 'The past two years were about pulling our economy back from the brink.' We expect to hear the same theme today.

"But frankly, as most Americans know, during the last two years this Administration and the former Majority in Congress met our present crisis with an avalanche of borrowing and spending and bailouts and taxes and takeovers and mandates.

"Far from pulling our economy back, the weight of debt and taxes and regulation have stifled our economic recovery.

"Mr. President, we will not win the future with the failed economic policies of the past. As you

come into this hallowed chamber tonight, we urge you, Mr. President, to give not just a new speech. Give the American people a new direction."